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INCENTIVES FOR RESEARCH IN BIO-TECH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bio-technology sector has sought a incentives for the research purposes;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Government propose to encourage this sector;

(c) whether the Government propose to make available cheap laboratory materials and regents needed in this sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a),(b),(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. To encourage research in several fields of biotechnology including agriculture, human & animal health, basic research etc. the Government is providing grants-in-aid to public funded institutions, universities and to non-profit making societies. Incentives like scholarships, associateships and awards to outstanding scientists are provided regularly. To encourage research in industrial sector, the Government of India has established Technology Development Board (TDB) and Pharmaceutical Research and Development Support Fund (PRDSF) under the Department of Science & Technology. To further encourage research, incentives like exemption from Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995 for sera & vaccines, blood products, combinations etc. and weighted deductions of 150% of the expenditure on in-house research & development (R&D) are allowed. Drugs, processes and new delivery systems developed through indigenous research and patented in India are also exempted from price control order for a period of 15 years or till the expiry of the patent rights. Need based incentives, as and when required in the biotechnology research sector, shall be provided by the Government.